Setting up of consumer protection fora to combat price rise

1114. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the State Governments to streamline their public distribution system and to set up district level consumer protection fora following the rising prices of certain commodities;

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to take to check and have failed to check the rise in prices of essential commodities and no consumer protection fora have been set up; and

(c) if so, what further action Government propose to take to check and control the rise in prices of essential commodities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) and (b) The States/UTs. have been requested from time to time to strengthen and streamline the Public Distribution System. A number of guidelines have also been suggested to them.

The States/UTs. have also been requested to set up district level consumer protection fora. As per the information available, district level consumer protection fora have started functioning in 17 States/UTs. In addition 13 States/UTs have notified the said District fora. Approval has been given to one more State to set up such a forum. The Act does not apply to Jammu & Kashmir.

(c) Government has accorded highest priority to check the rising trend in prices of essential commodities. Both long term and short term measures are being taken for the purpose. The measures taken by the Government broadly include steps to increase the production of essential commodities, effective procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrains, strengthening of Public Distribution System, strict enforcement of the provisions of the Essential Commodities and other regulatory measures; and augmenting domestic supplies through imports (e.g. edible oils) subject to over-all constraints of foreign exchange resources.

New Sugar Mills

1115. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new sugar factories and expansion projects licensed or approved Statewise during the Seventh Plan Period;

(b) the Statewise and sectorwise additional annual sugar production envisaged in those units; and achievements made so far; and

(c) the deatils of applications still pending with Government for grant of licence or approval of expansion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL): (a) to (c) The information is being collected.

यमुना पार क्षेत्र में अधिग्रहण और गिराया जाना

1116. **श्रीमती सूर्यकांता पाटील :** क्या **शहरी विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि दिल्ली प्रशासन के भूमि और भवन विभाग ने एक परिपत्र संख्या 91(ii)891 भूमि और भवन 12, दिनांक 20-6-90 को जारी किया है जो कि 25 जून, 1990 के पंजाब केसरी में प्रकाशित हुआ है और जिस के अन्तर्गत दिल्ली में यमुना पार को कुछ बसी बसायी और पुरानी बसी हुई बस्तियों को गिराने तथा उनका अधिग्रहण करने के निर्देश जारी किये गये हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसका क्या कारण है कि इन पुरानी और बसी बसाई बस्तियों को बसने से पहले क्यों नहीं रोका गया जिसके परिणामस्वरूप ऐसी स्थिति उत्पन्न हो गयी है; और

(ग) निगम तथा अन्य संबंधित विभाग के जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों के खिलाफ क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है जिन्होंने जब ये बस्तियां बस रही थीं तब कार्यवाही नहीं की ?

शहरी विकास मंत्री (श्री मुरासोली मारन) : (क) यद्यपि, मुख्यतः नदी के नहरीकरण के लिए यमुना नदी से लगी हुई कुछ भूमियों का अधिग्रहण हेतु अधिसूचित किया गया है, फिर भी, दिल्ली प्रशासन द्वारा पुरानी कालोनियों को गिराने और अधिग्रहण करने के लिए ऐसी कोई सामान्य नीति नहीं अपनाई गई है।

(ख) और (ग) कानून के अन्तर्गत अनधिकृत निर्माणों और अतिक्रमणों पर नियंत्रण रखने वाले सार्वजनिक अभिकरणों के प्रयासों के बावजूद अनधिकृत कालोनियों का अस्तित्व में आना मुख्यतः दिल्ली में भारी संख्या में लोगों के आने से उत्पन्न सामाजिक मजबूरी का भारी परिणाम है और इसमें व्यापक स्तर पर किसी कठोर कार्रवाई में मानवीय दृष्टिकोण शामिल है।

राष्ट्रीय राजधानी क्षेत्र योजना की प्रणाली के माध्यम से क्षेत्रीय विकास इस समस्या का समाधान करने के प्रति सरकार द्वारा उठाया गया एक कदम है।

Foodgrains Stock Position

1117. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what were the foodgrain stocks in the Central Pool on the 31st March, 1988, 1989 and 1990;

(b) whether stocks as on the 31st March, 1990 fulfilled the norms laid down; and

(c) if not, what steps are being taken to bring the stocks to the reguired level?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) The stock position of foodgrains in the Central Pool as on 31st March of the years 1988, 1989 and 1990 were estimated at 8.24, 6.36 and 10.45 million tonnes respectively.

(b) The stock position of rice and wheat with public agencies as on 31st March, 1990 stood at 11.56 million tonnes under the Buffer stocking policy of foodgrains.

(c) Efforts are being made to maximise the procurement of wheat and rice to meet the requirements of the States. As a result, the estimated stocks of rice and wheat with public agencies was as on 1st July, 1990 have gone up to 20.14 million tonnes as against the requirement of 21.40 million tonnes uder the Buffer Stocking Policy.

New Housing Policy in accordance with Cooperative Movement

1118. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Cooperative Group Housing Federation had launched a stir from June 14, 1990 to demand for a new housing policy in Delhi accordance with the Cooperative movement; and

(b) if so, what were their precise demands in respect of Delhi's housing plans; and the Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha in due course.